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For 12 Months.....4 per cent.  
" 6 ".....3 " "  
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J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

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RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS £300,000  
RESERVE FUND £125,000

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong, 1895.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND £5,000,000  
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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager, Hongkong, 1st November, 1895.

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THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
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CENT. per annum.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
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Hongkong, 21st October, 1895.

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COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Underwritten AGENTS of the above  
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Class FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

NOTICE.

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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
etc. Policies granted to all parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 21st May, 1895.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

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EQUAL TO £833,333-33-33

RESERVE FUND £315,000-00-00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, etc., taken  
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World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1895.

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CANVAS CORE PACKING (Tuck Form). SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.  
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ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.  
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Hongkong, 26th September, 1895.

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Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.

A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P.

Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

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THE SKETCH,  
WITH TWO BEAUTIFUL PRESENTATION PLATES.

PEARS ANNUAL,

WITH THREE PRESENTATION PLATES.

LOW'S ANNUAL,

WITH A PLATE and CALENDAR for 1896.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1895.

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CLUB HOTEL,  
5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

HOTEL  
METROPOLE,  
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Experienced English staff in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every  
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Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

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INSURE YOUR LIFE AGAINST FATAL ACCIDENT  
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THE SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY WILL PAY  
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to the legal representatives of the European holder of this COUPON in the event of his death by  
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as furnished to the Company for the Three Months ending 31st December, 1895; that the  
premium thereon has been duly paid; that death takes place within One Month from the  
occurrence of the Accident, and that notice of death, with full particulars, is sent within fourteen  
days of its happening to Mr. J. Y. V. VERNON, Hongkong. It being declared that \$1,000 only  
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J. Y. V. VERNON,  
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Hongkong, 1st October, 1895.

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G. H. MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. bottles ..... \$35 per case.

do 1 doz. bottles ..... \$33 "

SHEWAN & Co.,  
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Hongkong, 13th May, 1895.

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

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CHAMPAGNES, HOCKS, RUM,  
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CLARETS, BRANDIES, BITTERS,  
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Hongkong, 6th December, 1895.

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

No. 11, 19 and 15 Central Market.

PRIME BEEF and MUTTON  
SPICED BEEF and TONGUES.

AUSTRALIAN PICKLED HOG'S TONGUES.

AMERICAN BUTTER in Rolls and Pats.

GAME, etc., etc.

SHIP AND COAST PORT ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

J. TATAM,

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1895.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles  
of Association, the General Assembly, with  
approval of the Managing Committee, will, on  
the 2nd January, 1896, issue INTEREST  
WARRANTS of \$5 per SHARE, PAYABLE  
at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking  
Corporation, the same being at the rate of  
10 per Cent. per Annum on the Paid-up Capital  
of the Office for the year 1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 14th instant to the  
27th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. T. MATHESON, Esq.,  
General Agent, Hongkong.

PRELIMINARY ADVERTISEMENT.

A NEWSPAPER  
WILL BE PUBLISHED VERY SOON.

HUMPHREYS CLOCK

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
Hongkong, 7th November, 1895.

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DISCOUNTED ASSORTMENT OF  
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NEAT and ARTISTIC BONBONNIERES

Headquartered on RICE and SATIN.

Now, VARIOUS and FANCY TOYS.

For the sake of the children.

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DOLLAR'S  
European Subscribers to the  
Hongkong Telegraph are, from  
1st October, 1895, insured for  
the sum of \$1,000 against Fatal  
Accident.  
SEE BELOW.

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

CHRISTMAS SALE.

THE Underigned has received instructions  
to Sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON  
SATURDAY, the 21st December, 1895,

commencing at 2.30 P.M.,  
at his Sales Rooms, DUDDLE STREET,

A FINE LOT OF  
LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S GOLD and  
GOLD PLATED and SILVER WATCHES,  
WALTHAM MOVEMENT, and WATER-  
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A quantity of JEWELLERY, etc.

Also  
A QUANTITY OF  
FANCY GOODS,

Comprising:—  
BRONZES, VASES, JARDINIERS,  
FANCY GLASS WARE, ALBUMS, TOYS,  
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On View on SATURDAY from 9 A.M.  
TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

GEO. P. LAUMERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1895. [1770]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of  
Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction,  
to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,  
the 23rd day of December, 1895, at 3 P.M., are  
published for general information.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1763]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by  
Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the  
23rd day of December, 1895, at 3 P.M., by Order  
of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of  
CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong,  
for a term of 999 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.		Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.		\$	\$	
Inland Lot No. 1,358.		Tung Lo Wan, (Causeway Bay)	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		\$	\$	
			50	50	100	100	5,000	38	750	

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			N	S.	E	W.		\$	cts.
	Wong- schong Inland Lot No. 226.	Wong- schong Village.	50	50	31	31	1,550	4	78

## Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

WILL  
GIVE TWO PERFORMANCES

of  
ARTHUR W. PINERO'S Popular Farce  
"DANDY DICK"

ON  
THURSDAY, 26th December, 1895.

SATURDAY, 28th December, 1895.

Commencing each Evening at 8 P.M. precisely.

Messrs. C. H. GRACE, V. A. C. HARRIS, W. S. DABRY,  
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Mrs. M. DICK-MEBOURNE and  
Mrs. ALFRED WROTTELEY.

TICKETS can be obtained at the Theatre  
Royal, City Hall, on and after THURSDAY,  
the 19th December.

Booking Office open each day from 10 A.M.  
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Prices \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1895. [1743]

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10-Hous Road.

IS now in a position, in his New and Com-  
modious Premises, to eclipse, as he would  
ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED  
in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.

GROUPS AND VIEWS  
a specialty.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1895. [1183]







The case of Russia has found a fund of \$20,000,000, aged or sick journalists and widows of journalists.

At the Criminal Sessions to-day, before Sir Fielding Clarke, Chief Justice, and a jury, Ng Kwai-lan, alias Ng Po, was indicted on charges of (1) having uttered a forged and changed \$50 note of the Chartered Bank of India, China and Australia as a \$50 note on the 3rd December, and (2) having uttered a forged and changed \$50 note of the same bank as a \$50 note on the 5th February. Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General (instructed by Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor) prosecuted on behalf of the Crown. Count (1) of the first charge was dropped, as the uttering of it took place on Chinese territory, but on count (2) the prisoner was found guilty by the jury. A new jury was drawn and the second charge was heard, the jury convicting in this case too. His Lordship imposed consecutive sentences amounting to two years imprisonment.

The Portuguese authorities at Goa announced about two weeks ago that the revolt in that far-away colony had collapsed, the mutineers having laid down their arms and run away into the jungle. Commenting on this the *Englishman* of the 27th ult. says:—Both Sanguinelli and Nabos are now said to be deserted, and all that the Government force will have to do will be to hunt down a few small desperadoes and to bring to the Chinese to justice. The difficulties of the Government, however, are by no means over, as their finances are said to be altogether rotten. For the last three years they have been spending annually about three lakhs more than they have raised in taxation—a very serious deficit considering the microscopic revenues of the settlement. Nobody is likely to lend them money at the present moment. Portugal needs funds almost as much as Goa, so it is little likely to help, and it is hardly said that existing taxes, heavy as they are, will have to be doubled very soon if Goa is to be retained by Portugal. Considering the annoyance to British subjects of such disturbances as that through which Goa has just passed it might be almost worth while for the Government of Bombay to offer Portugal a crore of rupees to clear out of the place altogether.

In *Commerce* of November 6th there is published a paper on "The Trade of Canton" by Mr. R. C. Hawley, at present the manager of the Gulf Rooms, whose portrait, as the *Englishman* of the 12th ult. has already said, is the subject of the article. After a brief sketch of the history of Canton, extending back to the days of Marco Polo, Mr. Hawley describes the present state of trade in that vast market. He mentions that on account of the obstructive tactics of the provincial authorities, of the forty merchant firms doing business there, only six are British and twelve German, all the remainder being Asiatic, and their trade is expected to be the subject of a small monthly output of the latest grass-roots, and the rapid decrease of the British tea-trade, contemporary with the great increase in the Russian trade, he deals with Japanese trade. He points out that during the last ten years this has increased from almost nil to nearly as much as that in all other foreign goods combined, and that since the recent successful war efforts of Japan have been redoubled. He puts the query whether Japan, with the advantage of her silver standard, will not soon purchase the major portion of Canton's productions and supply those standards which have hitherto come from Europe, of a quality better suited for the Chinese and at prices which will force Europeans out of the market? He concludes by saying:—"Looking at things as they appear in the abstract, a gold standard, a healthy growing competition between European producers, the cure of redoubled efforts on the part of silver standard Japan, I return to my problem—Is it to be expected British trade will hold its own? Time alone will solve the problem."

#### THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of this society was held in the City Hall at noon to-day. Mr. J. Jackson was in the chair, and there were also present Lady Clarke, Messrs Goodman, David, Dowler, Coxon, Hawkins, Master, Miss Anderson and Captain Anderson.

The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to pass the accounts for the past year, and the election of a new Committee to serve for the ensuing year. As would be seen from the accounts presented, the Society had begun the year's work with a balance of \$320.91 in hand, and they now presented an account showing \$854.66 in the chair, a very substantial increase. For this increase they had to thank the subscribers, and had also received very substantial help from the proceeds of an A.D.C. performance, \$271.71, and from a Ballad Concert \$274.44. The cases of relief given by the society, though not as numerous as last year—fifty-eight cases were relieved this year—had all been most deserving, and had substantially lessened the misery in the Colony. The society had been very careful, and while it might be thought that the indiscriminate distribution of charity was harmful, the great care exercised by the members of the Committee had caused that all aid rendered had been most deserving. Relief had been rendered during the year to the extent of \$1,205.96, while the expenses of running and keeping up the society had only amounted to \$88.50. The Chairman then moved that the report be passed.

Captain Anderson, in seconding the motion, paid a graceful tribute to the good work done by the society, and the care which had been taken during the year that none but deserving cases should be aided.

The report and accounts were then passed. The election of the new committee for the next year was then proceeded with, and resulted in the following list being chosen to serve, viz., Mrs. Burden, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Coxon, Mrs. Dowler, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Master, Mrs. Bell-Irving, Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Black.

Mrs. Coxon: On behalf of the Society and the Committee, I propose a hearty vote of thanks to Lady Clarke for the very great interest she has taken in the work of this Society during her stay here, and beg to express the great regret we feel at losing her.

Mrs. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Lady Clarke thanked those present for their kind expressions, and regretted that she had not been able to do more, and that she had to leave the Colony and consequently must give up her work in the Society.

The meeting then adjourned.

#### THE "SHROPSHIRE BOYS" AND THE BLACK PLAGUE.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS IN CALCUTTA.

The Indian mail liner *Kutrag* brought on to-day files of the Calcutta *Englishman*, from which we take the following report of the presentation of medals to the officers and men of the Shropshire Light Infantry who rendered such splendid services to the community during the epidemic of plague last year:—

Colonel F. W. Robinson, commanding the Shropshire Light Infantry, presented twelve officers and 400 non-commissioned officers and men of his battalion with the Hongkong Medal at Fort William on Sunday (14th Nov.) in recognition of the services they had rendered in the suppression of the plague at Hongkong last year. The ceremony took place on the regimental parade-ground, after the parade service, and was witnessed by a large number of civil and military officers, including several ladies. The battalion was drawn up on three sides of a square, in the centre of which stood a table laden with the gold and silver decorations awarded by the Committee appointed to represent the community of Hongkong. Colonel Robinson, before handing out the medals, complimented the officers and men on the excellent manner in which they had worked for them, and the pleasure it had given him to command a regiment which had gained such distinction. He referred, with deep regret, to the loss the battalion had sustained in Captain Vesey, who met his death by the plague, and the men who fell with him. He trusted that the men who were left would maintain his good name. The following officers were then presented with medals:—Major Macpherson, Major Lyle, Captain Buchanan, Captain Welman, Captain Howe, Captain Forbes (now at home on leave), Mr. Jordan, Mr. Strick, Mr. Luard, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Carey, and Lieutenant and Quartermaster Wilson. The non-commissioned officers and men then received their well-earned rewards from the Colonel according to seniority.

Colonel Robinson was the recipient of a piece of plate at Hongkong before leaving the island for Calcutta, and Captain Vesey, who died from the plague, was also down for a medal. The medals which were issued to the officers were of gold, while the non-commissioned officers' medals were of silver. They are the same size as the ordinary war medals. On the obverse is represented a plague-stricken Chinese, reclining on a native bed or litter, over whom bends the Angel of Death with spear in hand in the act of striking, while another figure, representing Charity, stands at the head of the bed, supporting with his right arm the prostrate Celestial, and his left is upraised with the object of warding off the descending spear. At his feet, suggestive of the Whitehead Brigade (as the workers were called) are a hand brush and pail. The inscription on the reverse side is "For services rendered during the plague of 1894 presented by the Hongkong Community."

There is some hitch relating to the regiment wearing medals in uniform, and a reference has been made to the War Office by the local military authorities.

In our opinion there should be no hitch at all. The men risked their lives in the plague just as much, if not more so, as they would in action, and all who have been decorated with these tokens of gratitude by the Community of Hongkong should be allowed, and be proud, to wear them. We know there is some reluctance to do so in certain quarters. In any case a man should be just as proud to have H.M. (for Hongkong Medal) after his name as C.M.G. (for the most distinguished civil or military services) after his name. The latter is a distinction of men have the latter affixed to their names, the former (H.M.) can be claimed only by those who battled with and assisted in driving from this Colony an insidious foe, an enemy the more difficult to grapple with owing to its invisibility, pertinacity, and the vile slims in which it reigned supreme for several weeks. Now fought against it, men defeated it.—Ed. H.K.T.

#### THE REBELLION IN KANSU.

The following translation of a telegram received by the Viceroy of Canton, dated Lanchow, Shensi, 29th day 10th moon last year Kwangsi (15th Dec. 1895) is sent us by our Chinese correspondent in Canton:—The siege of the town of Hsueh, near Pien-hsueh, which has been maintained vigorously for a long time, and which for the last fortnight has been on the point of being successful, has been raised by General Tung's Army arriving on the outside and acting in conjunction with the City Garrison, which has been defending the city for a long time past. The combined forces have succeeded in driving the rebels with comparatively little loss on the Imperial side. Viceroy Yang adds that he hopes soon to entirely crush the rebellion, and that by Spring he anticipates that there will not be a trace of it remaining. Our correspondent adds:—Yang Chang-shu, it will be remembered, is the degraded and cashiered Viceroy, or Governor-General, of the above-named provinces. He is now holding office as a temporary measure, while his successor, who has availed himself of his success, who has been appointed. When he had handed over his seals, etc., to him, Yang would have proceeded to his home in Hunan province, notorious for its anti-foreign population and literature. He would, most probably, never have held high office again, as the Emperor is said to be highly incensed against him for having grossly neglected his duty in not preventing the rising of the present rebellion, and when he broke out not being able to suppress it quickly and satisfactorily, but, on the contrary, being quite unprepared for it. He had never reported or hinted at a rebellion to the Throne, and for this he was very severely reprimanded.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

#### NEGLECT OR INCOMPETENCY?

To the Editors of the "Hongkong Telegraph." Sir,—Your columns have been the medium often and again for asking, I may say begging, the Sanitary authorities to pay a little attention to the vile condition of the by-roads in this city. The filthy state of the road in Battery Roadway has been mentioned. These worthless apparently can afford to ignore the public entirely, but if they could only be forced to promenade for a few moments in the walk just mentioned I apprehend that their sense of smell, and duty, would return. But it would be simply madness to wait for such a consummation, therefore the only alternative appears to lie in opening a public subscription list, where everybody could contribute small sums, to purchase disinfectants and employ scavengers to sweep out this crying shame, and vile disgrace to Hongkong. What surprises one most of all is that if these august sanitarians are unable to perform the duties for which they are so well paid, why on earth don't they resign and allow others to be appointed who will?

Yours faithfully,

"ESSE QUAM VIDERI."

Hongkong, December 18th, 1895. [Our correspondent seems to think the Board does all the work. That is not so. It is the duty and underpaid inspectors who look after most of the work.]

#### NEWS IN BRIEF.

##### NORTH-CHINA.

We take the following items from Shanghai papers, dated to the 13th inst:—

Mr. Brennan's commission extends to Japan as well as China.

It is rumoured in Shanghai that the Germans have decided to purchase certain lands at Lukau in Pootung, for the purpose of establishing a German settlement there.

Some days ago a small native steamer was attacked by pirates near Taisang. The pirates, to the number of 300 or 400, surrounded her in boats and were on the point of capturing her, when a gunboat called *Chowoo* appeared upon the scene, and caused the robbers to make themselves scarce without loss of time. The steamer subsequently arrived safely at Ningpo.

On the 11th the much anticipated sham fight between the Shanghai Volunteer Corps and a number of sailors from H.M.S. *Spartan* took place. The high provincial authorities of Chihli have issued a proclamation telling the people to raise no opposition to the railway survey now being conducted, under the supervision of Mr. Kinder, from Tientsin to Lukow Bridge, Peking. The nature of the work is explained, and the people are told that the graves will not be disturbed by the railway, or if they have been so placed, the line will run through Chin Ch'ow, Pameau, across the Tongchow Canal at Setewa and so on to Lukow.

It was notified that the first mail of the overland Courier service during winter 1895-96, would be made up and despatched from the Customs Postal Department, Shanghai, on the 12th December, at 8 p.m.

The Viceroy Wang Wen-shao has recently instituted a "Bureau of Trade" at Tientsin, and a large and handsome Chinese building is being erected for it near the French Concession.

Among other innovations brought into life by the making of Hongkong into a Treaty port is the establishment by government of a college where the sole language to be taught will be English. All the modern sciences will also be included in the curriculum of the new college. The students will be selected from the mercantile classes of Hongkong and given papers to send their sons to the proposed college, and the names entered on the books of the institution are said to number already several hundred.

The officials of Szechuen are reported to be buying everything foreign they possibly can to prepare for the arrival of the American Commission at Chengtu.

We (*China Gazette*) are informed that as the result of the efforts of Mr. Gerard, the French Minister at Peking, to enforce the protection of French and other missionaries under his flag, the Chinese Government has been obliged to execute twenty-two mandarins, great and small, who have been degraded or cashiered; nine of the leaders in the riots of May and June have been executed. In Tibet difficulties have been settled at Mosgrain, Bhangang, Litang, Bonava Valley, and Yerkalo. In Koughthang, the difficulties have been settled which arose at Suwang and Tsen-yl.

The *China Gazette* understands that Mr. H. M. Bovis, the late popular Manager of the Shanghai branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, has been appointed general manager for all branches in every part of the world. Mr. John Walter, the late general Inspector, having been permanently appointed to the London office.

##### JAPAN.

From Japanese exchanges to hand by the *Asahi*, with dates to the 12th, we gather the following items.

The Nagasaki Dock notices that it is now free to accept engagements, but at the same time it should be noted that the work already undertaken will occupy almost the whole of the remaining portion of the present month.

On the night of the 8th some evil disposed persons amused themselves by breaking off the tops of about half-a-dozen pine trees on the Sagami-hara Road, Nagasaki. Apparently it was the work of some drunken sailors. A fire occurred in one of the smaller shops at the Kawasaki Ship Building Yard, at about half past eight o'clock of the 10th inst. The building, in which the fire broke out, was completely destroyed, but as it was fortunately some distance from the principal buildings the damage was kept within moderate limits. The cause of the outbreak is attributed to the carelessness of some of the workmen.

The Japanese vernacular papers state that from June 1894 to November last civil affairs in Korea cost the Japanese Government the sum of \$6,044,740. The military expenses are additional. So far this seems to be a very heavy bill, but it is like a trifling cost of the price paid for the hand of the benefactor, especially when it is considered that there seems little prospect of the return of the three million yen at the Peninsular Kingdom.

The erection of barracks at Wei-hai-wei is being rapidly proceeded with, and will probably be completed in the course of a few weeks, so that by the end of January it is hoped the building will be occupied.

The famous temple at Nikko is sadly in need of repair. It is estimated that over one million yen will be required to carry out the work. The Nikko-temple, the association of which, specially looked after the maintenance of Nikko, are said to be in some trouble over this revelation.

During last October the exports from Chemoipo, Korea, amounted to value to yen 164,672 and the imports to yen 61,698. Comparing this with the returns of the previous month there is an increase of yen 16,475 in imports, and a decrease in exports to the extent of yen 58,318. During October imports of calico, cotton spinning thread, cotton, matches, kerosene oil, etc., were increased on a large scale. The imports to Japan were double the amount consigned to the Chinese of the port.

The 7th inst. was the fourteenth anniversary of the Department for Agriculture and Commerce, and it was recalled that there have been thirteen Ministers who have successively had charge of the Department in that period—namely, Mr. Kono, Count Saigo, Viscount Tanaka, Viscount Hijioka, Count Kuroda, Viscount Enomoto, Count Inoue, Mr. Tanaka, Count Kono, Mr. Kono, Mr. Saio, and Count Kono. Viscount Enomoto is now holding the office again, and the present tenancy, which has lasted so far nearly two years, is the longest on record.

William Smith, saloon proprietor, Nagasaki, was on the 7th inst. charged with having stolen the sum of \$300 from Chas. Wray, Chief Master-at-Arms, U. S. S. *Charleston*, as bailed for Nicholas Crevel, saloon keeper of the "White House," No. 71, Main Street, Oahu. After listening to the tale of the parties and briefly reviewing the evidence, His Honour stated that he considered the fact proved that accused had misappropriated the money, which was picked up and given to him. He therefore sentenced him to 60 days' imprisonment, to return the money yen 240, and to pay the costs of the case.

#### NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Occidental and Oriental Co.'s steamship *Copala*, Capt. H. St. G. Lindsay, from San Francisco, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, with the American mails, up to the 21st November, arrived in the harbour to-day. We are indebted to our San Francisco exchanges for the following interesting telegrams:—

LONDON, November 14th.—Sir George Newnes, the millionaire owner of the *Strand Magazine* and *The Daily*, formerly the Liberal member for Newmarket, has resolved, I am told, to give an order for the most perfect thing in yachts that British science is capable of, and next year, when the present now shall have blown over, will issue a challenge for the America's Cup. Sir George Newnes is a devoted yachtsman, and also a gentleman in the American sense of the word.

November 20th.—A dispatch from Lagos, the capital of the British colony of that name on the West African coast, states that Captain Bower, the British Resident at Ibadan, has attacked and killed the King of Oyo and many of his followers, and burned their quarters.

A dispatch from the *Standard* from Berlin says that Prince Bismarck recently received Congressman Richard Bartholdi of St. Louis, Mo. The ex-Chancellor asked many questions of the member of the American House of Representatives. Most of these inquiries were about matters pertaining to the United States. He was especially solicitous concerning the welfare of Germans who have settled in America. Among other things he asked about the state of the German colonies in the Old World and settled in America, are persecuted to any extent. The *Evening News* publishes a letter from Pucite, a small town of Belochistan, near the Afghanistan frontier, which states that the Amer of Afghanistan is greatly annoyed at the failure of Nasrulla Kahn, his second son, to arrange for a permanent representative at London during his recent visit to England.

In consequence of the rage of the Amer of Afghanistan many persons have been banished since a great number of his subjects have been imprisoned, while many others have died. A notable who accompanied Prince Nasrulla on the occasion of his visit to England named Kotwal, is to be tortured as soon as he arrives. It is expected that Nasrulla Kahn himself will be punished, and that possible he may be banished from Afghanistan.

NEW YORK, November 20th.—A World cable from London says: George W. Smalley, who is in the States this morning, the full title of Mr. Smalley's letter. The subject is vehemently discussed in every quarter of London to-day. Mr. Smalley was seen and spoke with great interest. When asked whether he proposed to accompany Lord Dunsen to testify before the New York Yacht Club committee in support of the charges, he said:—

"But is Lord Dunsen going?" He was reminded that Mr. Dunsen had stated that he was not going to London to testify before the committee. He said: "The proper time for the cup committee to have taken action was when Lord Dunsen represented to Mr. Fish that the *Defender* was not floating at her proper load line. Lord Dunsen then made a specific proposition that a special representative of the cup committee should be placed on board each boat until the measure was made. That was not done, and thus the only opportunity arose for the *Defender* to be put on a level with the other boats."

"How did it come to Lord Dunsen's knowledge that the *Defender* was alongside the *Valley*?" The *Defender* was alongside the *Valley*, so we could see quite plainly, besides which, when we went on board the *Valley*, very early in the morning, the second mate told me he had noticed the tender alongside the *Defender*. Of course, as I have said, the tender might have been quite properly employed, but the circumstance was strange enough to attract our attention. This is all I wish now to say on the matter."

Marie Jansen led a strike at the Garrick Theatre to-night. The members of the Merry Comedians Company, who have been engaged for the past month or more. The owners of the company, Miss Jansen claims, promised to pay back salaries to-night, but they failed to appear at the theatre and the strike resulted. No performance was given to-night.

WASHINGTON, November 20th.—Although the State Department absolutely refuses to confirm or deny a report that the French Government has refused to furnish the record of the *Valley* case, some disclosure it is known, have been ascertained in procuring this document. Just what the nature of the trouble is cannot be learned, but it is understood that the application for the record is not regarded by the French Government as a matter of right, and it is assumed that if our application takes more the shape of a request than a demand the necessary documents may be forthcoming.

Meanwhile the *Valley* case itself may be suddenly settled, so far as the liberation of *Valley* is concerned, by the voluntary action of the French Government, as word has come here from official sources to the effect that it is contemplated to proclaim amnesty for all political prisoners taken in Madagascar, which would include *Valley*, unless some special notice be taken of his case and claim.

BORROW, November 20th.—A letter received from the city by a reliable correspondent in Constantinople contains the following on the situation there:—"The Turks are more sensible than before, as they realize that the action of the Armenians is not against themselves but against a system of government which all detest. There is a remarkable change from the feeling of three weeks ago, when any Turk seemed to love to kill any Armenian."

At the same time the Armenians are gently and wisely urged to restrain their anger against the Turkish patriotic party is openly declaring that the Sultan is the cause of all the troubles that afflict the country. The Minister of Marine has been threatened by the Moslem patriotic committee, and is carefully guarded by troops in his palace."

NEW YORK, November 20th.—The experiment with bloomed water gold in a New York restaurant was abandoned by the proprietor yesterday after he had been arrested for maintaining a nuisance and was arraigned in the Police Court. The end of the venture was brought about by Captain Walter L. Thompson. He had taken of his command on duty near the restaurant and caused the arrest of half a dozen young men who stood outside the door.

The nuisance became so unbearable that the people in the neighbourhood complained so frequently of the interruption to their business that Captain Thompson applied yesterday to Magistrate Kiedlich for a warrant for the proprietor of the restaurant. In making his application Captain Thompson told about a young fellow who stood outside the door with a pair of open slippers.

He was telling those about him of the moves of the bloomed water gold, and doing it in an objectionable way. Captain Thompson got within range and kicked him down stairs. Colonel Fitzgerald, when arraigned, announced that he had ordered the bloomed water gold and had abandoned the project. He signed a statement to the effect that he had abandoned the project, and the case was dismissed.

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#### NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

TRINIDAD, December 7th.

We hear that Baron von Brandt has leased the Peking Hotel for one year. We are very glad to be able to report that Lieutenant Rogers of H.M.S. *Lennox* is making steady progress.

The counter proposals in the China-Japan Commercial Treaty were submitted on the 18th November, but we have, as yet, not heard with what result. The Japanese Government has resolved to evacuate Liaoting as quickly as possible. They wish to have done with it, and it is stated that Port Arthur was handed over to the Chinese to-day. It was arranged that Taitai Huang Fan-ung should take over the Seal of Office of the Customs at Tientsin at 1 p.m. this morning, and it was stated that the *Hibys* would be detained for the purpose of enabling Sheng Tantal to proceed to Shanghai.

The German Emperor's speech points out distinctly that a great field for mercantile enterprise has been opened in the Far East by the united efforts of the Triple Alliance and wise moderation of Japan. The re-appearance of Herr von Brandt on the scene of his former activity accompanied by diplomatic envoys, leads us to believe that the conception that he has come as High Imperial Commissioner of German trade.

China will require a great deal of money to refit her naval stations, but at the present stage of affairs she suffers from acute impecuniosity. The Yamen and Viceroy Li have lately been besieged by reform-schemers. The great American banker, Mr. J. P. Morgan, has been asked to lead a loan of \$50,000,000 to the Chinese Government to pay up the indemnity due to Japan, to open iron mines, start steel works, make rails, and then railways all over China. Germany evidently didn't like being left out in the cold in the last loan, so we presume this is a check to Russia and France.

It has already been frequently pointed out that Russia understands how to bide her time, and behind her peaceful exterior, she is a most active and aggressive power. Russia's political aspirations, Russia's policy has been scrutinized as it were, and significance has been attached to the smallest circumstances, representing them as links in the always constant, always calculating, everything-saturating Slavonic influence. Great Britain and the northern Colossus stand confronting each other in Oriental policy in the "Double Eastern Question." Both are watching the "weak man" of the world—Turkey and China—and just as the Ottoman Empire has found the Russian friendship, which mixed in its internal affairs, bordering, so China will find that while England represents the influence of civilization and trade, Russia's secret aims are territorial aggrandizement and military rivalry.

Mr. G. A. Kottinger, from London, special representative of the Naval Construction and Armaments Company and the Barrow H.M.S. Steel Company, was received in audience by the Viceroy on Wednesday last. His Excellency showed considerable interest in several plans and drawings which were submitted to him, and expressed an opinion that it would not be for China's best interest to embark in costly wars before the country had men capable of using them. He also expressed himself as persuaded that the building of railways would be a more beneficial measure at the present time, and stated that the authorities are occupied with the serious consideration of the ways and means best adapted for this purpose.

Our readers may recollect that some years ago Lord Salisbury dropped a hint that whilst endorsing all that could be said about the blessings of Free Trade, there might come a day when the action of British neighbours might render retaliatory duties necessary. "Joy" Chamberlain's despatch to the Colonial Governors have such a step in prospect? If the Triple Alliance think that Britain has got all the land that is good for her, and mean to try and prevent her getting any more, two parties to the Triple Alliance might look back should Britain and her Colonies put 50 per cent. on all goods imported other than British, and might make the difference of 50 per cent. on all raw products imported into Britain from her Colonies. The Old Country may have a kick or two left in her yet.—*Fishing & Tinting Times*.

#### LATE TELEGRAMS.

BERLIN, November 25th.—The police suddenly searched the houses of all Socialists and leaders to-day, and impounded all party papers which they found.

LONDON, November 26th.—Drought in Australia continues, and is causing much uneasiness. Fifty foreign warships are now assembled in the Levant, eighteen of which are British.

PARIS, November 26th.—Admiral Gervais will appear before a Court of Enquiry relative to the grounding of the three ironclads.

ALLAHABAD, November 26th.—A decision is likely to be shortly arrived at regarding the proper demarcation of a portion of the eastern border of Burma which adjoins Siam. The matter has been referred to the Siam Government.

BOMBAY, November 27th.—Another case of piracy is reported from the Persian Gulf. A country craft named *Downharad*, Isdal Hussein, had six of her crew murdered near Bushar. The pirates also looted Rs.5,000 in cash. The craft belongs to a Dutch Mandi, and was bound for Bushar to secure a cargo of dates, when, within a few hours of Bushar, the men around, but, after getting off, and when about to set sail, she was approached by an Arab dhow, manned by armed Bedouins, and fired at. Most of the crew jumped overboard but were pursued and seized, two being wounded. Four were taken on board and asked to point out the place where the money was kept. They refused, and their throats were deliberately cut. One of the crew who hid himself in a water-tank, was also discovered while the vessel was being searched for loot. He was asked to point out where the money was hidden, otherwise he would share the same fate as the others. Through fear he consented and took the pirates to where the sand bullock was, and told them if they dug through they would find a bundle containing Rs. 4,000. This they did, and on securing the booty they made away with it, without injuring the informant. The matter has been reported to the authorities.

CAIRO, November 28th.—The Egyptian Budget for 1896 shows a surplus of six hundred and thirty thousand pounds.

LONDON, November 28th.—Lord Salisbury, replying to a letter urging a bounty to wheat-growers and the free importation of wheat, and a duty on imported flour, has promised to consider the matter.

#### COMMERCIAL NEWS.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Hongkong, December 18th. Mr. G. H. Potts reports as follows in his *Share List* issued at 5 p.m. to-day:—

There has been a fair business effected during the week and most stocks are steady at quotations.

The Canton Insurance Office has declared an interim dividend of 55 per share, payable on the 2nd January. The transfer books will be closed from the 18th to 31st inst.

The Daily Farm Company, Limited, has advertised its yearly meeting for the 27th inst., and the Panyon Mining Co., Limited, for the 28th inst.

The New Balmoral Gold Mining Company has given notice that its yearly meeting will be held on the 28th inst., instead of the 14th inst. as previously called for.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been in strong demand both for cash and on time, and sales have been made at 182 and 183 per cent. premium for cash, for February at 182 and 183 per cent. premium, and for March at 182, 181 and 182 per cent. premium, the market being firm with an upward tendency. The London quotation has risen from £10 to £11 10s. 0d. buyers. Nationals remain quiet with shares offering at \$52. Deferred shares of the Bank of China are required for at £2.

MARINE INSURANCES.—A few Union Insurance Society of Canton shares have changed hands at \$200. China Traders have been sold at \$72 1/2. Yamenites have been placed at \$122 and \$123, and are offering at the latter rate. Straits in the market at \$100.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong \$100s have improved their position, and sales at \$163 1/2 have been effected. China Fires are wanted at \$37, but there are no shares obtainable.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are much firmer and after sales at \$404 and \$361 are wanted at \$37. A good many shares changed hands at \$37 1/2, \$71 and \$38 for February. China and Manilla are a shade easier and are offering at \$71. Indo-China are asked for at \$55. Douglas Steamships have suffered a further decline and sales have been made at \$54 and \$51 1/2, but the market closes firmer with buyers at \$52.

RYMERIES.—China Sugars have risen one point and have been placed at \$114. The firmness is probably owing to the fact that the refineries are again actively at work. Luzon remains unchanged with a small lot offering at \$60.

MINING.—Panyons are again out of favour at \$35, caused presumably by the disappointing news regarding the Cyanide Experiment, who, on his arrival at Singapore had to leave for Home again owing to ill health, thus causing further loss and delay. Jelesus are required for at \$27 1/2. Balmoral's are offering at \$14. Rauba can be placed at \$37 1/2. A telegram on Rauba dated the 3rd inst. states that the rough clean up of battery yielded 1,700 ounces of amalgam out of 1,400 tons of ore crushed.

DRUGS, HERBALS AND GINSENGS.—Small sales of Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been made at 147 per cent. premium. Kowloon Wharf shares have changed hands at \$48 1/2 and more can be placed at this rate.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have ruled firm and have been fixed at \$59. Kowloon Lands have been sold at \$16 1/2. Hongkong Hotels have found buyers



